

April 10th. High schooler, Itsuka Shidou encounters a girl who called herself a Spirit. She is the disaster that will destroy humanity, a monster of unknown origin, and a being rejected by the world. The only way to stop this girl— is to go on a date with her, and make the spirit fall in love!? Enter a new age of Boy. Meet. Girl!!

“As expected—I’m being rejected by everyone”

This calm voice sounded throughout the Raizen High rooftop.

“I’m different from everyone else. I already knew that. Even so... it would’ve been great if I was able to get closer to them, or so I thought, that is... haha, I’m such an idiot, although everyone had expressed their hostility towards me, I still have such a naive idea”

Yatogami Tohka revealed a pained smile, as she finished her sentence.

Her night-colored hair fluttered around her waist, eyes that shone like radiant crystals. If the saying that everything was created by the almighty-god was true, then the god must’ve spent a lot of effort when creating her. She is the moving girl who would make one think of idiotic thoughts.

But her current emotion, revealed such despair and discouragement.

“But... as expected, it’s no good. In the end, it’s the same as what that girl said, everyone cannot tolerate my existence. Spirits and humans, cannot live together”

Anyone in this situation would let out a sigh. That is indeed too beautiful— too sorrowful of a smile.

“umm... Tohka?”

But, with Tohka in this situation, Itsuka Shidou could only scratch his cheek.

“Although I’m sorry for interrupting you when you’re being emotional with your words... but the truth is—”

“—There’s no need... it’s okay”

As if trying to stop Shidou’s words, Tohka extended her hand as she spoke.

“shidou, you’re so kind. Being able to meet a human like you, it’s already the best blessing to my life. I shouldn’t expect any more than that.”

“No, it’s not like that...”

Shidou’s eyebrows formed the kanji “八” as he vigorously scratch his head. Just what should be said in order to convince her?

Such a complicated, marvelous.... idiotic-like situation.

It was 10 or so minutes, before everything started.

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April 25. From the day in which Tohka transferred into Raizen High to be with Shidou.

Just before the start of sixth period, as Shidou came back from the restroom, the classroom was engulfed with such a stinging atmosphere in which breathing would hurt the lungs.

“Why you little... I’m about to get angry”

“How many times do I have to say it, you don’t belong here, it’s best if you just disappear”

“What did you say!?”

The ones who are arguing in the classroom are Tohka and a girl with doll-like features with hair which touches her shoulders.

As if trying to make Shidou’s seat the center of the argument, the sharp glares of the two intertwined. The hostility of them both spreading like stray bullets, the surrounding was dyed with a dangerous atmosphere.

“Oi, oi, you two, what happened?”

As Shidou finished his sentence, Tohka and the girl— Tobiichi Origami reverted their line of sight towards Shido.

“shidou! Listen to what I say, she’s—“

“Itsuka Shidou. Don’t listen to her lies, you’ll get deceived”

As if trying to cut-off Tohka’s words, Origami let out her calm voice. Tohka’s expression became even more perilous.

“I, I won’t lie to shidou!”

“Spir... You’re humanity’s enemy, your words should not be trusted”

Origami stopped in the middle of her words to correct herself.

As if trying to say the word “Spirit”, it was changed due to the stares of the classmates.

“Spirit”.

Also known as the disaster which would harm the world.

The cause of the phenomenon “Spacequake”, when they come to the world.

It’s a fact that Yatogami Tohka is not a human if it was strictly discussed. Using a certain method to seal her spirit power, she lived as a normal girl. Originally, she was categorized as a life form that will destroy humanity.

Origami also, is actually part of a group whose goal is to annihilate the spirit (Anti Spirit Team - AST). Due to this reason, it’s inevitable that they have a hostile relationship.

Although this is the reason, but it's still not an excuse to cause such a racket in the classroom. Shidou got himself involved in order to stop the argument.

"Calm down, you can't make such a racket here"

"Bu, but, Shidou..."

Right at this moment, the bell rang. The classroom door opened with "clack clack" sound and Tama-chan entered the classroom. Thank the gods, class had started.

But—

"—You are an unnecessary existence in this world. The ones with the same thoughts is not only me. No matter who it is, no one will accept an enemy of humanity like you"

As a result of Origami's intimidating lines, Tohka furiously stood up again.

"Stop with the nonsense! Shidou... Shidou accepted me!"

"It's only because Shidou is way too kind. To aim toward his weakness, so despicable"

"Wha, what did you say!?"

"Starting from me, everyone in this school will distant from you. Be prepared to be alarmed by the way everyone's going to treat you"

"Wha..."

Tohka revealed a nervous expression, as she looked around the classroom.

"Hn, hnn... who'll believe what you say..."

Although she says this, cold sweat dripped down from Tohka's head.

"Uh, umm... Class is going to start"

From the teacher's desk, Tama-chan let out an uneasy voice. In a moment, Shidou, Tohka, and the other students had already taken their seats.

"Ah, I'm sorry Tohka, but can you sit down for now?"

"uu... wuuu..."

After being pressed by Shidou's words, Tohka could only silently sit down.

But, her expression was different from before. It could be describe as a bit more nervous, or is it being more cautious to her surrounding? It must've been the effect of Origami's words.

But this is something that can't be helped. Being categorized as the "Living Disaster" since the beginning of her birth and being attacked by humans, it can't be blamed that one would feel cautious around her surroundings after hearing those words.

“Tohka... you don’t have to take it too personally”

“Nu? I know that even if you didn’t say anything. How can anyone believe anything that she says—“

At this moment, the sound “kacha” sounded the classroom.

Someone must’ve dropped their pencil case, no one would mind such minor problems.

But—

“.....!?”

That noise startled Tohka and her shoulders shook, she looked around her surroundings.

“who, Who is it! What are you trying to do!”

After Tohka yelled while in turmoil, an apologetic voice came from the classroom.

“That~... Sorry... Did I scare you?”

Tohka did not dare to carelessly look at the girl student who’s talking. After realizing the situation, she calmed her breathing, and sat on her seat.

“.....”

Shidou wordlessly scratched his cheeks. It seems that Tohka really took those words personally.

“....What should I do”

As Shidou let out his troubled voice, a familiar voice came from the intercom in his right ear.

“—Wait Shidou, although Tohka’s current mental state is a total mess, what kind of perverted things did you do? Did you use an arch-like posture and pushed your head into Tohka’s skirt?”

“....Kotori...”

Shido scratched his cheeks as he replied.

The voice came from Itsuka Kotori, Shidou’s sister——also the commander of the organization which uses peaceful acts to protect the Spirits, <Ratatoskr>

Just in case if there’s any problems with Tohka’s new experience with school, Shidou was required to wear the intercom for the time being.

“Although her spirit power was sealed, Tohka’s still in an unstable status. I understand that Tohka is attractive, but can you restrain from any pervy action?”

“But I obviously didn’t do that”

Shidou sighed as he replied and explained the whole situation thoroughly.

“Is that so... Tobiichi Origami. And here I thought it was just some conflict, I never thought that the situation will be this troublesome”

"It seems that she can't seem to calm down, what should I do?"

"nh, nh, you've got a point there. At a time like this... ooh, wait a moment, the choices came up"

"ei?"

Shido's eyebrows twitched a bit.

"nn,nh... so that's the case"

From Raizen High, approximately 15000 miles in the sky.

Inside the airship <Fraxinus> bridge, Itsuka Kotori held her chin with her hand as she crossed her legs.

In her line of sight, on the bridge's main screen, shows Tohka's unease picture and three choices.

- ① Stretch out your hand to the table across, hold Tohka's hand for the rest of the period.
- ② Mix your affection into the words on the blackboard.
- ③ Stand on top of your table, make a dance for Tohka's affection

"In short, these choices all have showing affection towards Tohka"

"ha,haaaa? Why is it like this, aren't we trying to calm Tohka?"

From the intercom, Shidou replied with a puzzled voice.

Kotori moved the stick of the Chupa Chups in her mouth upwards.

"Think about it, if Shidou was in the same situation, would you think "Don't take it personally" will calm you down?"

"...ahhh...."

Shidou let out a moan as if he was hit on the head, Kotori continued with her words.

"When a person falls into a situation where everything around them is suspicious, just these words would not help at all. Unlike saying these words, if it was obviously shown that someone accepts them, wouldn't that be more effective?"

".....Is it really like that?"

"Okay. In short, we must calm Tohka before her spirit powers returns to her. Everyone, make your choice"

As Kotori finished her words, the crew in the bridge start to operate their control panel.

After several seconds, Kotori's voice can be heard from the intercom again.

“hn.... ② seems to have the most choices. ma, although ① isn't a bad idea, but if it was seen by the teacher, it'll cause some commotion, this seems to be the most liable choice. —Shido, it's ②. When you're going to answer a question...yes, I like you Tohka, something simple like that. Please show your affection, but don't let others notice”

“Wha...How am I going to do this, this kind of thing”

“If what's on top of your neck isn't just for decoration, please use your brain. Use a hidden message, make it able to be read vertically”

“...But this, is it alright?”

“If you're not satisfied with it, then change it to ③, dance of affection”

“I apologize, please let me go up”

Shidou replied while cold sweat dripped down from his forehead. Coincidentally at this moment, Tama-chan's let out her voice standing in front of the blackboard.

“Okay everyone, who can answer this question?”

“...me”

Shidou reluctantly raised his hand. In his heart, he wish another student could be chosen instead.

But the only one who raised their hand was Shidou, Tama-chan said to Shidou in a slow tone, “Then good luck Shidou-kun”

Shidou sighed again as he stood up. He firmly stared at the seat on his right.

“...Tohka”

Shido said with a quiet tone, Tohka's shoulders trembled a bit”

“Wha, what is it, is it Shidou? You scared me... Is there a problem?”

“...No, ma...it's just that I'm going the write the answer on the blackboard, remember to look at it closely”

“nu...? I got it, I'll pay attention to your answer”

Although Tohka sound surprised, but she still nodded.

Shidou pondered as he walked towards the blackboard. He picked up the chalk and started to write down his answer.

The Crusade returned to Europe

Spices, was the European's

Great interest and influence. It's been widely

Accepted.

Hi.

...Shido really can't think of the full text.

"um... Shidou-kun? Why is they way how you wrote your response in such a weird format. Talking about that, the "Hi" is..."

As the teacher of social studies, also as homeroom teacher, Okamine Tamae, also known as Tama-chan, stared at Shidou as she bitterly smiled.

"...A bonus"

"aya, a bonus..."

Shidou returned to his seat as he left Tama-chan with a troubled expression. At this moment, Tohka started a conversation.

"maa...so it's like that"

It was something so embarrassing that the cheeks will become hot.

But Tohka just widened her eyes feeling impressed.

"uuu...? umu, Shidou sure knows a lot, so impressive"

"....."

It seem that Shidou's "I like you Tohka" message had failed to be noticed by Tohka.

"aiyaa...It seems that it was a bit too difficult for Tohka, it seems that using a more direct way would've been more effective"

From the intercom, Kotori said with her casual voice.

At the same time, Tama-chan asked with the same tone as at first.

"Umm...It seems that Shidou-kun's answer was too philosophical, is there anyone else who can answer this question?"

From Shidou's left, Origami raised her hand.

"Ah... Tobiichi-san, can you please answer this question?"

Tama-chan reveal a smile as if a heavy burden had been lifted from her. It's expected for Tama-chan to have this expression, since Tobiichi Origami always ha perfect grades on her exams. If it was Origami, the question is going to be beautifully answered.

"....."

But it seems that Origami stared at Shidou and Tohka with hostile eyes as she picked up the chalk and wrote down this kind of answer.

Due to the knights of the Crusade joining the Islamic culture circle and founded the spicy spices, this caused a dramatic change to the Europeans' hobby. After that, Genova, the merchants of Venice became a trading center. Spanish omelette.

....."Tohka is an idiot"

Even greater difficulty than reading vertically, the message was written diagonally.

"um, umm...The Crusade and Spanish Omelette have nothing in relation....Right?"

From just an answer from the school's top genius, there seems to be some kind of deeper meaning that has been ignored. Origami ignored the teacher's confused expression and returned to her seat after giving another hostile stare to Shidou and Tohka.

It should be...No, it must've been due to Shidou's answer. A message that was dedicated for Tohka, it seems that Origami had noticed it. "nu...?"

Tohka suddenly bent her eyebrows together and stared to the direction of Origami with hostility.

"Why you little...what do you mean by idiot, what did you mean!"

"I don't know what you're talking about"

"Quit lying! Didn't you write that diagonally!"

"I only wrote out my answer, it must've been a coincidence if it could be read that way. You have such filthy mind, to be able to read it like that"

"wha, What did you say!"

"Ya, Yatogami-san, please calm down"

Being stopped by Tama-chan, Tohka released a "gululu" sound...sat back down"

It seems that Tohka didn't understand Shidou's message, but she understood Origami's message which was much harder to read. Feeling a bit difficult to accept, Shidou deeply sighed.

—But the commotion did not only just end here.

After a few minutes, Choushoka-sensei wrote a model answer on the blackboard, as the class continued.

But from the seat on the right, a cautious atmosphere can be noticed.

“...Kotori, how is Tohka’s mental status?”

“There’s seems to be no improvement, it’s displeased as you can see”

From Kotori’s response, Shidou deeply sighed.

“If that’s so, then...”

As Shidou wanted to continue the conversation...

...outside the classroom, from the direction of the sports field, a loud “pang” could be heard.

It seems that it’s currently P.E class outside, P.E teacher, Kuzuhara-sensei likes these objects which only the outer appearance looks amazing. It’s clearly not a race, but he still uses the starting pistol.

Everyone in the class is already used to it, no one showed any expression of shock.

But Shidou wrinkled his forehead.

The reason is very simple, it’s obvious what will happen next in this situation.

“Yiii!?”

Tohka stopped her breath, and fell from her chair with “doka lacha” sound as she hid under her table and stared at the window.

At this moment, a loud sound “bii” can be heard, cracks appeared on the classroom’s windows.

“wu,wuaaaa”

“ei, what happened!?”

Although the students are used to the gun sound, but when cracks suddenly appears on the windows, anyone would shocked. The students that sits next to the windows (except Origami), stood up in a panic.

“shidou! It’s very dangerous! Get down! shidou!”

Tohka yelled with great tension on her face. Shidou scratched his cheeks as he spoke to the intercom.

“Kotori....This...”

“nn,en. This is Tohka’s doing, without a doubt. Hurry up and hug her to calm her down”

“o...Ou!”

Shidou followed the instruction and kneel down, as he place his hand on Tohka’s shoulder.

“Calm down a bit Tohka, it’s only a signal for the short run, no one’s going to attack you”

“wha...it’s,it’s just that?”

After Shidou replied with “aaah”, Tohka drew up her nose as she stood up.

“hn,hn. I already knew that was the case, I wasn’t even a bit scared”

“aaah...Is that so”

Shidou bitterly smiled as he nodded his head, the commotion in the classroom finally settled down. The seats of the class moved closer to the corridor as class resumed.

Incidentally, due to the cracks on the window appeared at the same time as the sound of the gun, it was suspected that the sound of the gun caused the cracks on the window. Although a bit apologetic, but it seems that Kazuhara-sensei will not be permitted to use the starting pistol again.

This commotion lasted about 10 minutes.

“Okay everyone, class is going to resume. um...”

As Tama-chan finished her sentence, she looked at the top of the blackboard. It seems that she’s trying to point out the words written on the top of the blackboard.

Tama-chan sensei, just like her name, is a very petite teacher. When she’s trying to point out words that’s near the top of the blackboard, she needs to stand on a chair. When she needs to point out another part on the board, she needs to move the chair and stand on it again to point it out.

Although the students don’t mind about it, but it bothers her personally.

Revealing a fearless smile, Tama-chan searched her bag on the teacher’s table.

“hn,hn,hn. I brought my secret weapon today. Jyan~~! Laser pen!”

As she finished her words, Tama-chan took out a mini flashlight-like object.

Then she aimed the pen at the top of the blackboard and pressed the button. A scarlet light projects from the pen, pointing out the words on the blackboard.

“Yes, with this said. This part is essential on the test—“

“—shidou!!”

At this moment, as if trying to interrupt Tama-chan words, Tohka’s scream of depression sounded the classroom. At the moment after her scream, Tohka flipped the table toward and held her body as if trying to hide behind the table. Yes—It’s just as it seems, Tohka seems to be trying to avoid Tama-chan.

Tohka then reached out her hand and grabbed Shidou’s collar and pushed Shidou on the floor.

“wu,wuaaaa”

Due to how sudden it was, Shidou’s head hit the floor with great force.

“Toh...Tohka...?”

While in drowsy consciousness, Shidou let out this sound. Tohka let out a trembling voice with caution.

“That was dangerous...I never thought Tama-chan work for the Mecha-mecha team. It’s a shame.... I thought Tama-chan was a good person”

“ha,haaa? What’s going on...”

“That laser! That equipment, must be something from the Mecha-mecha people”

The Mecha-mecha people that Tohka’s talking about, is the AST—Anti-Spirit Team. It’s true that the AST uses equipment that transform their magical powers into laser-like attacks.... but no matter how you look at it, a laser pen can’t do much damage. Maa, if it was directly pointed at the eyes, it would cause some damage to the eyes.

“ei, Ei? umm,what’s wrong...?”

Tama-chan made a puzzled face as her eyebrows form the kanji “八\.

“You’re still acting dumb at this moment! You little, what are you trying to do with that laser!”

“is, Is this what you’re talking about?”

Tama-chan looked at her laser pen. At this moment, she let out a red light from the pen and moved it around.

“! Danger!”

“wuaaa!?”

Tohka screamed, as she pressed Shidou’s head onto her chest. Tohka’s soft and warm bosoms touched Shidou’s cheeks. Shidou felt a heaven-like sensation— also a suffocating sensation... Shidou tried to push away Tohka’s arms in panic.

“wuu...! wuu...!”

“shidou...? shidou! What’s going on? shidou! Tama-chan you little, what did you do to shidou!”

“ei,eiiiiiii!? Are you talking about me!?”

“wuu...! wuu...!”

....In the end, although Shidou was obviously trying to free himself from Tohka’s restrain, to remove Tohka’s misunderstanding, took approximately 10 minutes.

“Haaa....That was extremely embarrassing”

After this incident, class finally resumed. But....Tohka’s alertness became even higher, as if there’s someone behind her, Tohka would look behind her from time to time.

“.....It seems, that it has become a severe illness”

Shidou powerlessly revealed a bitter smile. It seems that this is a problem that cannot be resolved by today. Luckily it's sixth period, all I have to do is to wait until school ends, then I can leave it to Kotori.

At this moment, Shidou felt an itch on his back, he look behind him.

The student behind him, for some kind of reason, passed Shidou a tiny sheet of paper. ".....?"

Using his eyes to question "What is this?", the student answered with the hand gesture resembling "Read it". Shidou narrowed his eyebrows with surprise, as he unfolds the paper.

After, Shidou widened his eyes.

On the paper, it wrote "Tohka's Welcoming Party Decided!" as a huge heading. Below, the description of the party was written with great detail.

"Welcoming Party...?"

Using a weak— a voice that cannot be heard by Tohka, Shidou muttered. It's seems that it's for Tohka who's not used to school yet. Today after school, a mini-party was prepared.

"What is it, Shidou?"

Kotori's voice appeared from the intercom in his right ear. Using the same weak voice, Shidou explained the welcoming part for Tohka to Kotori.

"ai, although I don't know who came up with this idea, but that was really considerate. I wish Shidou could be as outstanding as that person"

"......Your last sentence was unnecessary"

Shidou replied with the tone of displeasure.

But, the idea of a welcoming party is definitely nice. Although Tohka is being cautious due to Origami's words.....but if everyone express their welcoming, Tohka should be able to feel at ease.

But,

"wuu?"

Shidou looked at the bottom of the note, his forehead involuntarily twitched a bit.

Written on the bottom of "When sixth period ends, the surprise party starts! We already received the teacher's permission, pull this at the signal! ↓", but at where the arrow is pointing, there's nothing there.

At the moment when Shidou tilted his head, there was another tickling sensation on his back.

Turning his head, the student behind made a "Sorry, sorry, I forgot" hand gesture, and handed Shidou an object.

“.....”

A cone-shaped object made with paper——It's a party popper.

At the same moment when Shidou received the party-popper, the muscles in Shidou's cheeks felt a spasm.

A premonition of distaste spreads from Shidou's heart.

But Shidou didn't even have the time to think, since a familiar bell ringing sound came from the loudspeaker, signifying the end of the class.

“aah, it's already time? Okay, today's class ends here”

Tama-chan let out a secret laugh, as she rummaged her the teacher's table.

“Then, everyone ready?”

Then, at the same time Tama-chan let out her voice, everyone in the class took out their party popper and aimed at Tohka.

“Wha.....!?”

Due to the sudden turn of the events, Tohka revealed an expression of shock and knocked her chair over as she stood up.

“Wha, what are you planning to do.....!?”

The students smiled as a response to Tohka's reaction, as they exerted strength onto the hand holding the party-popper.

Also at this moment, Origami she...

“—Everyone, begin the attack”

Due to this sentence, the despair in Tohka's expression worsened.

—PA! PAPAPAPAPAPAPAPAPAPAPAPAPAPAPAPAPAPA!

Using the first sound as the starter, horrifying noises continuously echoes in the classroom.

“wu, Wuaaaaaaaaaaaaa!”

Tohka revealed an expression as if she were on the edge of crying as she zipped past the students as skillfully as an American soccer player and exited the classroom.

“Tohka!!”

Shidou rushed out of the classroom, following Tohka.

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.....Now, back to present.

Cold-sweat dripped from Shidou's forehead, as he started another conversation with the sad-looking Tohka standing on the high school's rooftop.

"Tohka, let's go back to the classroom, everyone's waiting for you"

"Have they prepared to attack again...!?"

"No, it's a misunderstanding..."

"You saw what happened shidou! Those violent and unmerciful gunfire! Those people.....taking advantage when I let my guard down and attacked me all at once! I didn't notice any hostility even at the last moment, they must be a specially-trained troop.....!"

Tohka said as both of her hands trembled. Maa..... You can't notice something that doesn't exist in the first place.

"In..in short, we must escape before those people find us! shidou you should come also, anything that is relevant to Spirits, maybe they would—"

Then, as if interrupting Tohka's words, a vibration can be heard from below.

As a result, the classmates rushed through the door which Tohka broke.

Then they surrounded Tohka and Shidou, focusing their gaze at Tohka and voices released from their mouth.

"Ah, so you're at a place like this, we finally found you"

"That wasted us so much energy, we won't let you escape again"

"Come on, let's start our party"

After they finish speaking, the classmates revealed shady and cruel smiles. (Misconception)

"Wu....."

Tohka gritted her teeth, as she groan with hate.

The contents of what the classmates were very simple, but in Tohka's perspective, what those words mean isn't hard to imagine.

"why, Why.....do you people keep on pestering me!"

"Why.....isn't the reason obvious?"

"nh, we only want to improve our relationship with you"

"That's right, that's right. Let's go enjoy ourselves.....?"

After they finish talking, the classmates closed in with their fingers moving in an awkward way, as if zombies were approaching a living person..... To be honest, even if it was not Tohka, anyone would feel creeped out.

“don’t, Don’t come any closer……!”

Tohka backed up as she said with a tone of fear, but soon hearing the sound *ka-cha*, Tohka’s been trapped by the fence.

“!! Aaa, aaa, aaaah…”

Tohka revealed an expression as if she’s going to cry right now.

But, the classmates did not stop approaching her! “! Tohka, calm down—“

“wu, aa, aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaah—!!”

As if trying to mask Shidou’s voice, Tohka released a terrifying scream.

Also at the same moment, *pak—!* *pak—!* A sound that anyone wouldn’t be able to stand, Shidou’s eardrum started to hurt, as Shidou wrinkled his face in pain.

“wha, What……?”

As Shidou let out his voice, Kotori’s voice appeared from the intercom in his right ear.

“Shidou! There’s a problem!”

“ei……!?”

In this instant——

rumble *rumble* this noise sounded the surrounding, as the school trembles.

Sounds of glass breaking can be heard from below, as the building starts making creaking noises. Cracks continuously appear on the school’s rooftop, although this school is one of the most advanced anti-tremble buildings.

“wo, woah…… earth, earthquake!?”

“It’s a pretty serious one, be careful everyone!……”

The classmates in the surrounding started to panic.

But, Shidou isn’t panicking like the others are, as he sharpen his line of view at Tohka who’s screaming as she holds her head with both of her hands.

Perhaps—This isn’t an earthquake, but Tohka’s doing.

But looking at Tohka’s expression, it isn’t just enough to tell her to control her powers.

“shi,shidou……!”

Perhaps it’s due to the trembling that she can’t even stand up. Tohka remained in her position with her knees on the ground, as she call out Shidou’s name.

At the same moment, Kotori’s shouting shook Shidou’s eardrum.

“Shidou! Hurry and make Tohka’s mental status stabilize, or else the building will collapse” “that, what should I do.....?”

“Isn’t it obvious!? Hug her and express your affection for her in a low-tone in her ear!”

“this.....This kind of thing—“

“Whatever, hurry!”

“Aaa, I get it!”

Not able to think of another way, Shidou walks toward Tohka during the trembling and extended his hand towards Tohka. “Don’t worry Tohka, I’ll—“

But at this moment.....

bi-ri As this sound echoed the surrounding, as if trying to separate Tohka and Shidou, the cracks on the rooftop widened—

“wha—“

A part of the rooftop, broke apart as if going slide off.

Of course, Tohka being on the floor with her knees on the ground would not be able to sustain her position, as she falls off along with the rooftop.

“wu, wuaaaaaa!”

“Tohka!!”

Trampling his way while extending his hand, at the nick of time, Shidou successfully grabbed Tohka’s hand.

“shidou!!”

“are, Are you alright Tohka.....?”

Gritting his teeth, Shidou groaned out those words. Below Tohka, the part of the roof that fell off crashed onto the ground with a tremendous force, creating a terrifying sound and dust. If Shidou was any slower, Tohka may have been a part of the debris.

But Shidou didn’t have a breath to spare, since they’re only temporarily safe from the worst situation. Due to Shidou only holding up Tohka with only one hand, falling any moment won’t be very surprising.

The trembling attacking the school finally stopped, but due to Shidou gripping Tohka in an unstable way, he can’t use any strength from his upper body. If this continues, while Tohka climbs up, Shidou will fall along with her.

It seems that Tohka had noticed this point as well. She pursed her eyebrows and said this to Shidou.

“shidou, please let go, or we’ll both fall off”

“This kind of thing.....do you think I can do that.....!”

“Even if I fall off, from this distance I won’t die”

“That isn’t.....the problem!”

Shidou shouted, Tohka gritted her teeth.

Next, the hand holding Shidou’s arm, slowly decrease in strength.

“! Tohka, what are you doing.....?!”

“.....Sorry shidou, your feelings makes me very happy, but I can’t stand to see you being hurt due to my mistakes anymore!”

As she finish her words, she let go of her hand entirely.

“gu.....!”

Although Shidou increased the strength of his grip, but he really can’t sustain his grip anymore, Shidou lost his grip of Tohka’s arm—

“—ei?”

The next moment, Shidou widened his eyes in surprise.

Two hands appeared from Shidou’s shoulders, gripping Tohka’s hand.

For a second, Shidou at his limits thought a new power had awoken—but that’s untrue.

The hands gripping Tohka’s arm was from the classmates that rushed to help after the trembling stopped.

“Okay, we got Tohka-chan! Let’s pull her up!”

“Ignite your fighting spirit! Ready—!”

Along with this command, the sound *hai-yo!* *hai-yo!* can be heard from behind, like the sounds that would be made in a Tug-of-War. Tohka was pulled back on top of the rooftop.

Tohka lifelessly look at everyone as the surrounding engulfs in the sounds *PAPAPAPAPA* of claps and cheers.

“wha.....”

Tohka being alert towards the classmates until this moment glances at Shidou with eyes of confusion.

“shidou.....Why... would those people...to me.....”

“ei? Aaah, that, how should I say this”

Shidou scratched his cheeks as he continues.

“.....Because we’re all friends”

Hearing these words, Tohka involuntarily widened her eyes.



At the end, Tohka’s welcoming party was still able to successfully be held.

Although the school was banned from entering due to the dangers of collapsing, luckily the drinks and food in the classroom were safe. They got those out, and under the blue sky (although the sun is already setting), the party started.

Although Tohka still cannot entirely trust everyone, but she lowered her suspicions due to the event at first. Being surrounded by everyone, she chatted with everyone as though she’s not used to it.

Seeing this moment, Shidou’s mouth slowly revealed a small grin and drank the fruit juice in his hand in one gulp. The sweet and refreshing apple juice, soaked Shidou’s throat.

“hmm.....?”

Then, Shidou raised one of his eyebrow. Within the classmates, he found Origami. Although she’s standing by herself without talking to anyone, her hand holds a paper cup. It seems that she’s participating in the part as well.

As if noticing Shidou’s gaze, one of female students who saved Tohka started a conversation with Shidou.

“Ne~ You’re surprised aren’t you? When everyone went looking for Tohka-chan, the one who was guarding the food and drinks was Tobiiichi-san~”

“Ei? Is that so?”

“Yes, yes. If she wanted to become friend with Tohka-chan she should’ve said so~..... Aiya, aiya, it’s hard to say since they’re love rivals~”

“wha, What are you saying.....”

“Nothing~”

The female student left after she finished speaking with a smile.

Shidou “.....geez” sighed as she looked at Origami’s direction once again.

If Origami and Tohka can make peace, if this really happens.....that definitely is a wonderful thing, that’s what he thinks.

“shidou! I received a lot of sweets from everyone!”

In her right hand is a paper card, in her left hand is a bag full of sweets, Tohka said with an energetic voice. The difference from 10 or so minutes ago, made Shidou involuntarily laugh.

“Nu? What is it shidou?”

“Nothing.....It seems that you’ve established a good relationship with everyone”

“Umu! Everyone’s very nice! It seems that I was thinking too much!”

Smiling as she says those words, she drank from her paper cup.

Then, at the next moment,

“!? hai-ou.....!”

Tohka who was drinking the fruit juice, suddenly *ka-ka* started coughing.

“Toh, Tohka.....? What happened?”

“Poison, It’s poison! shidou, be careful!”

“haa? How can that be possible.....”

Shidou showing the expression of shock touch a bit of Tohka’s drink with his fingertip and licked it.

At the next moment, a horrifying taste attacked Shidou’s tongue, Shidou involuntarily started to cough. Hurriedly, he grabbed his apple juice and finished it in a gulp.

“Are you alright shidou!?”

“aa, Aaah.....”

“so, So someone did really put poison.....?”

“No, isn’t this tabasco sauce.....? Who in the world.....?”

At this moment Shidou widened his eyes, as he turned his gaze to the direction on his left.

There it was Origami who revealed an expression as if she had achieved her goal and nodded as she disappeared.

“.....”

Shidou scratched his cheeks in puzzled way. But there’s not enough time to find the truth.

“Why that little.....Who did this! Trying to poison me when I let my guard down!”

Maybe she’s too exhausted, Tohka looked around the surrounding with teary eyes.

The hardships for Tohka to open up her heart, to eliminate her suspicions, revived again.